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In 1992 and 1996, the voters of the County approved Propositions A ("Propositions"), creating the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District ("District") for the primary purpose of acquiring and improving public parks and open space within the County. Proposition A of 1992 provided \$540 million for the acquisition and improvement of parks and open space. Proposition A of 1996 provided an additional \$319 million for these purposes.

The District is financed by the levy of assessments upon qualifying properties within the District, and it operates through various grant programs to provide funding to nonprofit organizations, cities, and the County for park and open space purposes. This Board serves as the governing body of the District and has delegated the District's administrative functions to the Department of Parks and Recreation ("Department"). The Propositions explicitly provide that the Department shall administer all funds for the District.

Several years ago the Board delegated authority to the Director of the Department to approve small transfers of up \$20,000 in unexpended grant funds from one project under the "per parcel" grant program directly to another Proposition A project, without obtaining District approval. This delegation was appropriate since the Department is responsible for administering all funds for projects and programs under MOTION

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Proposition A, and the Department has taken an active role in administering Proposition A funds and carrying out other administrative functions for Proposition A projects.

The Board's prior delegation related only to small transfers of unexpended funds under Proposition A's "per parcel" grant program. The same authority was not delegated to the Director for purposes of making small transfers of unexpended funds under the "specified funds" grant program. However, there is no legal or administrative reason why such a similar delegation cannot be made. Delegating this type of authority to the Director would be consistent with the Board's past action and would further the intent of the Propositions. It would also result in a more efficient means to transfer and use small amounts of unexpended Proposition A funds. District staff has requested this delegation, and recommends that the Board use the same \$20,000 cap that currently exists for fund transfers under the "per parcel" grant program for the "specified funds" grant program.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors delegate to the Director of Parks and Recreation the authority to approve transfers of unexpended 1992 and 1996 Proposition A funds from projects under the "specified funds" grant program, in amounts up to \$20,000, directly to other Proposition A projects, and/or directly to placeholder funds for use in future Proposition A projects.

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